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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 1997

Docket No. R97-1

## AGRICULTURAL PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF INTERVENTION AS A LIMITED PARTICIPATOR

The Agricultural Publishers Association (APA) hereby gives Notice of Intervention in Docket No. R97-1, a proceeding under Section 3624 of Title 39, United States Code, relating to the request of the United States Postal Service for changes in postal rates and fees.

Service of documents and other correspondence may be made upon:

Charles L. Pace Agricultural Publishers Association 36 Henry Austin Drive Wilton, CT 06897-3210

The Agricultural Publishers Association, Inc., is a non-profit corporation created under the Laws of Illinois. Its membership comprises 14 companies who publish 80 state and regional agricultural magazines, many of which have been providing farming "know how" to rural families for over 100 years.

APA member publishers use all classes of mail, relying upon Periodicals class as the principal means of distribution of their publications, First-Class Mail for business correspondence, billing and statements of account, Standard Mail (A) for promotion and subscription sales, and Standard Mail (B) for distribution of books and educational materials published by APA members. Postage is a significant part of the total cost of the agricultural publishing business and APA has a vital interest in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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